

HOW-NE-CON

NEWSLETTER VOL. 2



CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI INDIANS

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The staff of the Citizen Band Potawatomi were delighted with the response the Tribal members gave the first edition of the How Ne-Con newsletter. Many Tribal members sent in corrections and changes in their name and addresses. These should be kept up to date. If your mailing address is not current please inform the secretary: Mrs. Beverly Hughes, Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe, Route 5, Box 180-D, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801.

Various programs which Indians are entitled to receive also prompted much interest. Unfortunately, many of our Tribal members do not live in an Agency jurisdiction and therefore are not eligible for benefits. Also, any benefit which is funded through the Bureau requires a 1/4 degree, or more, blood quorum. A person having Indian blood of several tribes may combine their degrees to obtain the 1/4 degree requirement.

HOUSING-HUD

In order to be eligible for the Mutual Help Housing Program there must be a Housing Authority in the area in which you have land on which to build. There is no blood quorum required on new homes.

HOME IMPROVEMENT-H.I.P.

This program is primarily for elderly people or people of low income. You should write the nearest Bureau of Indian Affairs for information on Home Improvement.

COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council Meeting will be held June 30, 1973 in The Commons at St. Gregory's College, north of Shawnee. The meeting will start promptly at one o'clock. The Tribal Attorneys will be the first speakers. A claim has recently been awarded to the Tribe and we urge you to be present and on time so you can hear the attorney's annual report on claims.

The Tribal constitution was amended in 1971 and the election of officers was staggered. This is the year to elect a chairman and two councilmen for a term of 2 years. The present Business Committee is: Chairman-Paul Schmidkofer Route 1, Tecumseh, Okla. 74873, Vice-Chairman-Raymond Peltier, Route 4, Shawnee, Okla. 74801, Secretary-Treasurer-Mrs. Beverly Hughes, Route 5, Box 180-D, Shawnee Okla. 74801, Councilman-Bernard Heer, 1909 N. Louisa, Shawnee, Okla. 74801, Councilman-Willie "Bill" Nona, 137 S. Center, Shawnee, Okla. 74801.

There will be a supply of Tribal Handbooks at the Council Meeting if you wish to pick yours up then. The Community Health Representatives (CHRs), Janell Veitenheimer, Jewell Bruno, Mary Wheeler, will serve as hostesses at the Council Meeting.

There will be a typed list of people who have been unknown as to their whereabouts for the past fifteen years. These people have never had an address on record and some are possibly deceased. Any information on any of these people would be greatly appreciated.

Mr. Bill Currens and Mr. LeRoy Neddeau, Economic Development Specialist, will speak to the Tribe on commercial and industrial development of Tribal owned land. Two proposals in booklet form will be submitted to the voting members present at the council meeting for their approval or disapproval.

If other Tribal members live in your area why don't you put a notice in your newspaper notifying them of the Council Meeting.

REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

The Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe has been fortunate to receive quarterly revenue sharing funds. Since these funds must be used in the Shawnee area and to benefit the people in this area the Business Committee voted to remodel the Tribal Community House. The Community House has been completely remodeled and made modern and enclosed by a six foot fence with ample space for parking.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM and TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Community Development Program will end as of June 30th but the Tribe is hopeful and anticipating the renewal of the Tribal Government Development Program. Mr. Pete Veitenheimer, Tribal Administrator, will give a report on these programs at the Council Meeting. Through these programs the Tribe has prepared identification cards, Tribal Handbook and an Economic Development Packet. Also, the newsletter, How Ne-Con, which was sent to all Tribal members the staff hopes to continue publishing as long as funds are available.

IDENTIFICATION CARDS

The staff has sent out approximately 2200 ID cards to Tribal members. If you have not received your ID card you should write to the Tribal Office for these. If your card is lost or stolen and you wish a duplicate there will be a .50 charge for postage handling. There is no charge for the first request.

TRIBAL HANDBOOK

The Tribal Handbook should be completed and ready to mail by June 22nd. If you wish one of these they will be distributed upon written request, one copy per household. If you are in the area and want to help us save postage expense you might drop by the office and personally pick up your copy of the handbook and your ID card.

INDIAN ACTION TEAM

The Indian Action Team Program provides training for adult Indians living in the Shawnee Agency jurisdiction in all phases of the building trade. The Central Tribes of the Shawnee Area negotiated a contract for \$400,000.00 beginning July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974 to train 50 Indian people in building and construction trade. The contract will be renegotiated at the end of June 1974 for another fiscal year.